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U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES, CENTRAL COMMAND ORDER 7042.1

From: Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command
To: Distribution List

Subj: MEDALLION (COIN) AWARDS PROGRAM

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1125
(b) DoD Directive 1348.19
(c) SECNAVINST 3590.4A
(d) MCO 7042.6C

1. Situation. Reference (a) authorizes the Secretary of Defense to use appropriated funds to purchase medals, trophies, badges, and similar devices for awards to members, units, or agencies of an Armed Force. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Navy, by references (b) and (c), authorizes Marine Corps general officers in command to approve the use of appropriated funds for the purpose of an awards program. The Commandant of the Marine Corps further delegates this authority and issues policy and guidance in reference (d). This order provides Commander, United States Marine Corps Forces, Central Command (COMUSMARCENT) policy and guidance on the subject of coins as awards.

2. Mission. Establish and implement the medallion (coin) awards program for COMUSMARCENT and assigned commanders in order to promote and enhance excellence in mission performance.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) Pursuant to this order, commanders and deputy commanders under the operational control (OPCON) of COMUSMARCENT are delegated the authority to use appropriated funds for the procurement of medallions (coins) to support the mission and intent of this awards program.

(b) Those individuals delegated authority by this order will not further delegate their authority.

(c) Awards/coins must contain some notation of inscription of the purpose of the award. i.e. "For Excellence"

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Accomplishments being recognized must be of such nature that they are above and beyond that expected of an individual or unit in the normal performance of duty, and the accomplishment must be related to the mission of COMUSMARCENT.

(b) Established awards for COMUSMARCENT:

1 Marine of the month, quarter, year.

2 Civilian Marine of the month, quarter, year.

3 Section of the year.

4 High PFT, semi-annual.

5 Honor graduate of established school or course.

(c) Medallions (coins) may also be presented on a one-time/unscheduled basis only in those instances where the accomplishment is unique and clearly contributes to increased effectiveness or efficiency of COMUSMARCENT mission requirements.

(d) An individual or unit may not receive two awards for the same achievement or accomplishment.

(e) An established awards process should be used to track the distribution and purpose of the awards presented, i.e., a logbook or a database.

(f) Appropriated funds may be used to purchase medallions (coins) to be presented as awards recognizing the recipient's significant accomplishments.

(g) Awards purchased with appropriated funding (O&M,MC) must be applied to active duty, reserve, and civilian Marines.

(h) Awards purchased with appropriated funding (O&M,MC) cannot be applied to contractor personnel or key volunteers.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(a) Coins must contain the name of the command presenting the award, but may not contain the name of any individual commander.

(b) The amount purchased must meet the bona fide need for the applicable fiscal year.

(c) Use of medallions (coins) for motivational tools, morale boosters, or mementos for VIPs may not be purchased with


appropriated funds.

4. Administration and Logistics. Questions concerning this order should be addressed to the MARCENT G-8 or Staff Judge Advocate.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is effective the date signed.

b. Signal. This Order is applicable to forces under authority of Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command.


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